

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

**TOWN OF GRAFTON
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 14, 2018**

MINUTES

The Special Town Meeting for the Town of Grafton was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Auditorium of the Grafton High School at 7:00 p.m.

Upon order of the Moderator, Raymond Mead, 217 Brigham Hill Road, checkers were stationed at the entrances to the hall, using voting lists with which to check the names of those persons who entered.

The Moderator opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all present.

Mr. Mead advised all present of the procedures used during Town Meeting.

Mr. Mead then appointed David Robbins, 92 George Hill Road, as Deputy Moderator.

Interim Town Clerk, Kandy Lavallee, read the return of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. ADJUST FY18 BUDGET

To transfer from sources below, the following sums of money for the purpose of adjusting the following line items within the operating budget for FY18:

TO TRANSFER:

| <i>Amount</i> | <i>From</i> | <i>To</i> |
|----------------------|---|---|
| \$ 12,000.00 | Police Administrative Personnel Salaries 1.210.1.5113 | Police Building Repair Maintenance 1.210.2.5250 |
| \$ 4,000.00 | Overlay Surplus Account | Human Resources Temporary Staff Services |
| \$ 6,500.00 | Overlay Surplus Account | Unclassified: Town Insurance |
| \$ 6,000.00 | Overlay Surplus Account | Zoning Board of Appeals Personnel |
| \$ 4,000.00 | Overlay Surplus Account | Human Resources Personnel |
| \$ 10,000.00 | Overlay Surplus Account | MIS GIS Expenses |
| \$ 2,000.00 | DPW Expenses | Conservation Personnel |
| \$ 30,658.71 | Free Cash | Destination Imagination |
| \$ 3,600.00 | Town Clerk Personnel | Municipal Expenses |
| \$ 5,300.00 | Building Inspector | Human Resources Temporary |

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| | Administrative Personnel | Staff Services |
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Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Padgett: I move the town vote to transfer from sources below, the following sums of money for the purpose of adjusting the following line items within the operating budget for FY18:

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The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 2. BALANCE FY18 SNOW & ICE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$295,877 from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purposes of balancing the FY18 Snow & Ice Account or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Dauphinais: I move the Town vote to transfer \$295,877 from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purposes of balancing the FY18 Snow & Ice Account.

The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee Chair, Edward Prisby, advised that the Finance Committee had reconsidered and now supports passage of Article 2.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 3. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BILLS

To see if the Town will authorize payment to Kearsarge Solar in the amount of \$277.03 from the School Choice Account, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Hanna: I move the Town vote to authorize payment to Kearsarge Solar in the amount of \$277.03 from the School Choice Account.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required nine-tenths vote.

ARTICLE 4. FUND FY18 UNEMPLOYMENT LIABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$10,500 from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purposes of funding the Town's FY18 Unemployment Liability, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move the Town vote to transfer \$10,500 from the Overlay Surplus Account for the purposes of funding the Town's FY18 Unemployment Liability.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 5. SICK AND VACATION BUYBACK

To see if the Town will vote to pass over this article:

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Spinney: I move the Town vote to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 6. ASSESSORS VISION SYSTEM CONVERSION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9,000 from the overlay surplus account, to fund the Assessors conversion from Version 6.5 to Version 8 of Vision or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Padgett: I move the Town vote to transfer \$9,000 from the overlay surplus account, to fund the Assessors conversion from Version 6.5 to Version 8 of Vision.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 7. SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 20 BLANCHARD ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of real property located at 20 Blanchard Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 88 Lot161A, at the abutters request, for a sum of money not less than \$500, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Dauphinais: I move the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the sale of real property located at 20 Blanchard Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 88 Lot161A, at the abutters request, for a sum of money not less than \$500.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried by the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 8. TRANSFER OF REAL PROPERTY AT 53 MILLBURY STREET

To see if the Town will vote to pass over this article.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Hanna: I move the Town vote to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 9. PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 20 CREEPER HILL ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal under MGL ch.61A §14 for the purchase of real property located at 20 Creeper Hill Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 2, and 18 Creeper Hill Road, -identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 24 and Map 10 Lot 24A, to be used and developed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interests of the Town, for a sum of money not less than \$350,000, and to transfer from stabilization \$350,000 for that purpose, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal under MGL ch.61A §14 for the purchase of real property located at 20 Creeper Hill Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 22, and 18 Creeper Hill Road, -identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 24 and Map 10 Lot 24A, to be used and developed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interests of the Town, for a sum of money not less than \$350,000, and to transfer from stabilization \$350,000 for that purpose.

The motion was seconded.

Finance Committee Chair, Edward Prisby, advised that the Finance Committee had reconsidered and now supports passage of Article 9, 4 to 3.

A discussion ensued from Town Meeting members.

The Moderator declared the motion was incorrect and should be withdrawn.

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move the Town vote to withdraw the original motion.

The motion was seconded.

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to exercise the Town's right of first refusal under MGL ch.61A §14 for the purchase of real property located at 20 Creeper Hill Road, identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 22 identified on the Board of Assessor's Map 10 Lot 24 and Map 10 Lot 24A, to be used and developed at the direction of the Board of Selectmen, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen determine to be in the best interests of the Town, for a sum of money not less than \$350,000, and to transfer from stabilization \$350,000 for that purpose.

The motion was seconded.

There were several comments from Town Meeting members.

The Moderator declared the motion defeated as it did not meet the required two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 10. PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY AT 73R OLD WESTBORO ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to pass over this article.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Padgett: I move the Town vote to pass over this article.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the vote carried.

ARTICLE 11. INCREASE REVOLVING ACCOUNT SPENDING LIMIT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting and increase the Board of Health Vaccine Administration revolving account spending limit for FY18 from \$10,000 to \$20,000, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Town Administrator

MOTION by Selectmen Dauphinais: I move the Town vote to amend Article 8 of the May 2017 Annual Town Meeting and increase the Board of Health Vaccine Administration revolving account spending limit for FY18 from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 12. CPC – AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Hanna: I move the Town vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 13. CPC – HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Thomas: I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

ARTICLE 14. CPC – OPEN SPACE RESERVE ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

MOTION by Selectmen Spinney: I move the Town vote to appropriate \$884.44 from the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund Balance for CPC Purposes, to correct the CPA 10% set aside requirement.

The motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Motion was seconded.

A vote was taken.

The Moderator declared the motion carried, and declared the meeting adjourned.

A true copy,
Attest,

Kandy L. Lavallee
Interim Town Clerk